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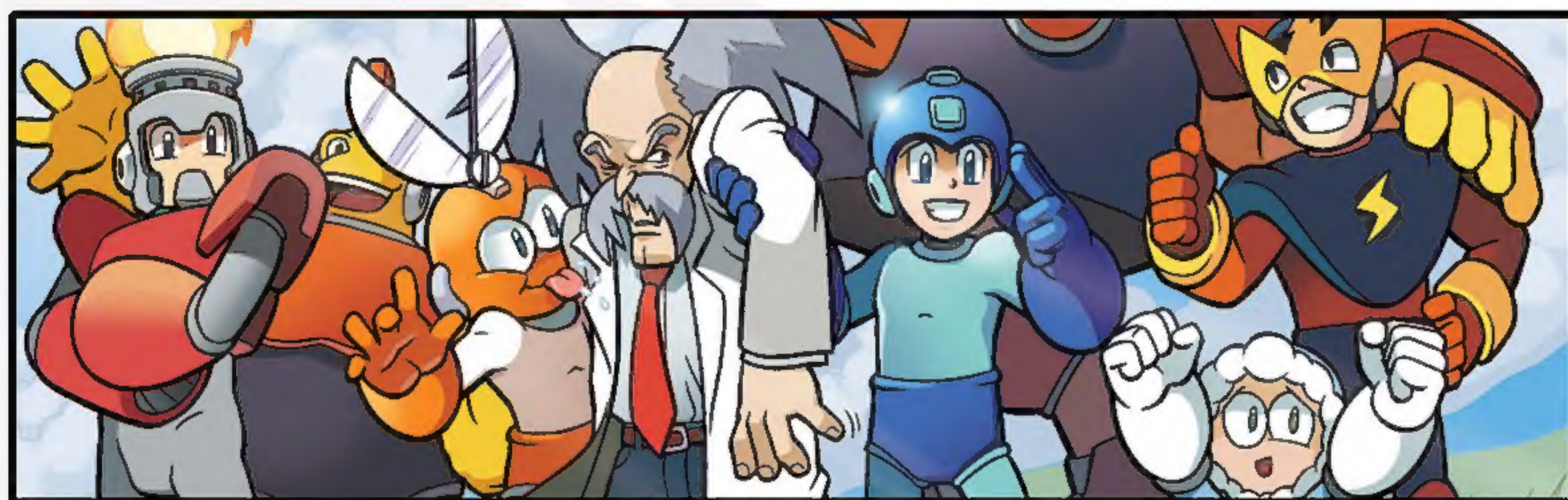
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IN THE YEAR 200X, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN WAS CREATED BY DR. LIGHT TO STOP THE EVIL DESIRES OF DR. WILY. MEGA MAN NOW FIGHTS ALONGSIDE HIS FELLOW ROBOT MASTERS TO DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!

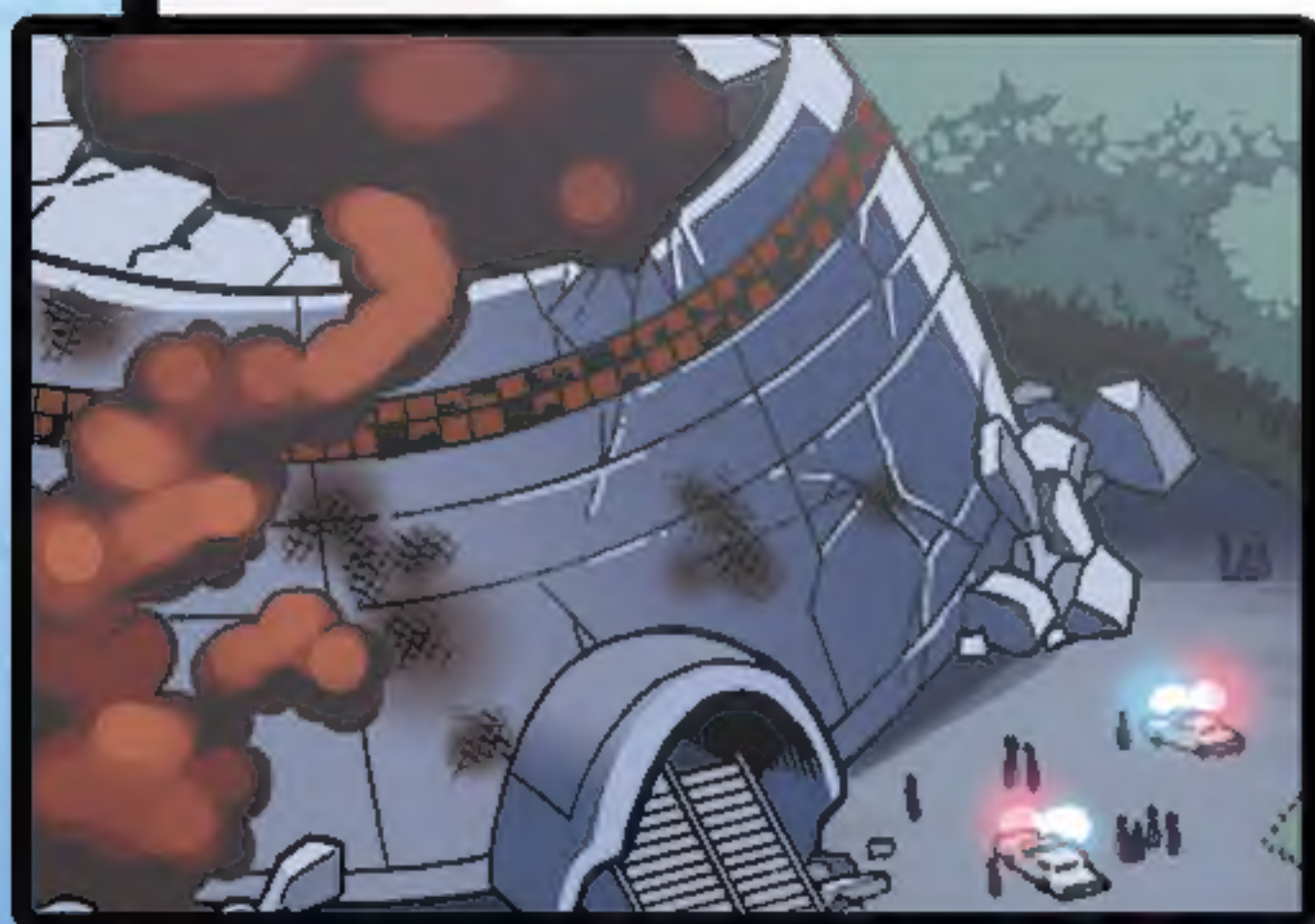
MEGA MAN™



PREVIOUSLY...



When Dr. Light first unveiled his series of ROBOT MASTERS, he hoped to push the boundaries of advanced robotics and create a race of beings that would work to build a better world. Little did he know the corrupt Dr. Wily would use Light's technology to unleash terror upon the very people they were meant to help and protect. That's when a helpful lab assistant robot named Rock volunteered to become a hero of the defenseless, and a challenger of evil. A super fighting robot named MEGA MAN!



With the help of his powerful Mega-Buster and Copy-Chip, Mega Man has not only defeated Dr. Wily's ambitions on more than one occasion, but has also turned would-be villains into a team of heroes under the flag of Light Labs. These heroic Robot Masters have since thwarted many villainous attempts to harm innocent people, including a tense hostage situation at the annual Advanced Robotics Trade Show by the terrorist

organization called the "Emerald Spears." The Spears' newest leader, Xander Payne, sought to wipe out the entire advanced robotics community, robot and creator alike. Xander was defeated, but escaped along with his two closest operatives - Theo and Simone. They have not been heard from since.

Mega Man saved the future of technology on that day, turning him and his friends into instant celebrities!

But not everyone is lining up for an autograph...



CHARACTER SELECT



MEGA MAN
HERO OF LIGHT LABS



GIL STERN & ROSLYN KRANTZ
POLICE DETECTIVES



XANDER PAYNE
TERRORIST LEADER IN HIDING



THEO & SIMONE
XANDER'S OPERATIVES

INSIDE THE COUNT-DOWN BALL, NEW YEAR'S EVE...

TEN SECONDS UNTIL MIDNIGHT...

...AND DETONATION!

THIS BOMB WILL BE A VICTORY FOR OUR CAUSE! I'LL BE REMEMBERED AS A MARTYR! A VISIONARY!

TEN

NINE

EIGHT

COUNTDOWN

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EARLIER...

UM...HI, EVERY-ONE! I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU ALL FOR MAKING ME THE GUEST OF HONOR THIS YEAR. THE HONOR IS, WELL, *MINE!*

SO HAVE FUN --AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

LAB ASSISTANT, WORLD HERO, AND PUBLIC SPEAKER.

...IN THE CITY SQUARE...

YAAAAAAY!



IS THERE ANYTHING YOU CAN'T DO, KID?

AGENT KRANTZ! NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

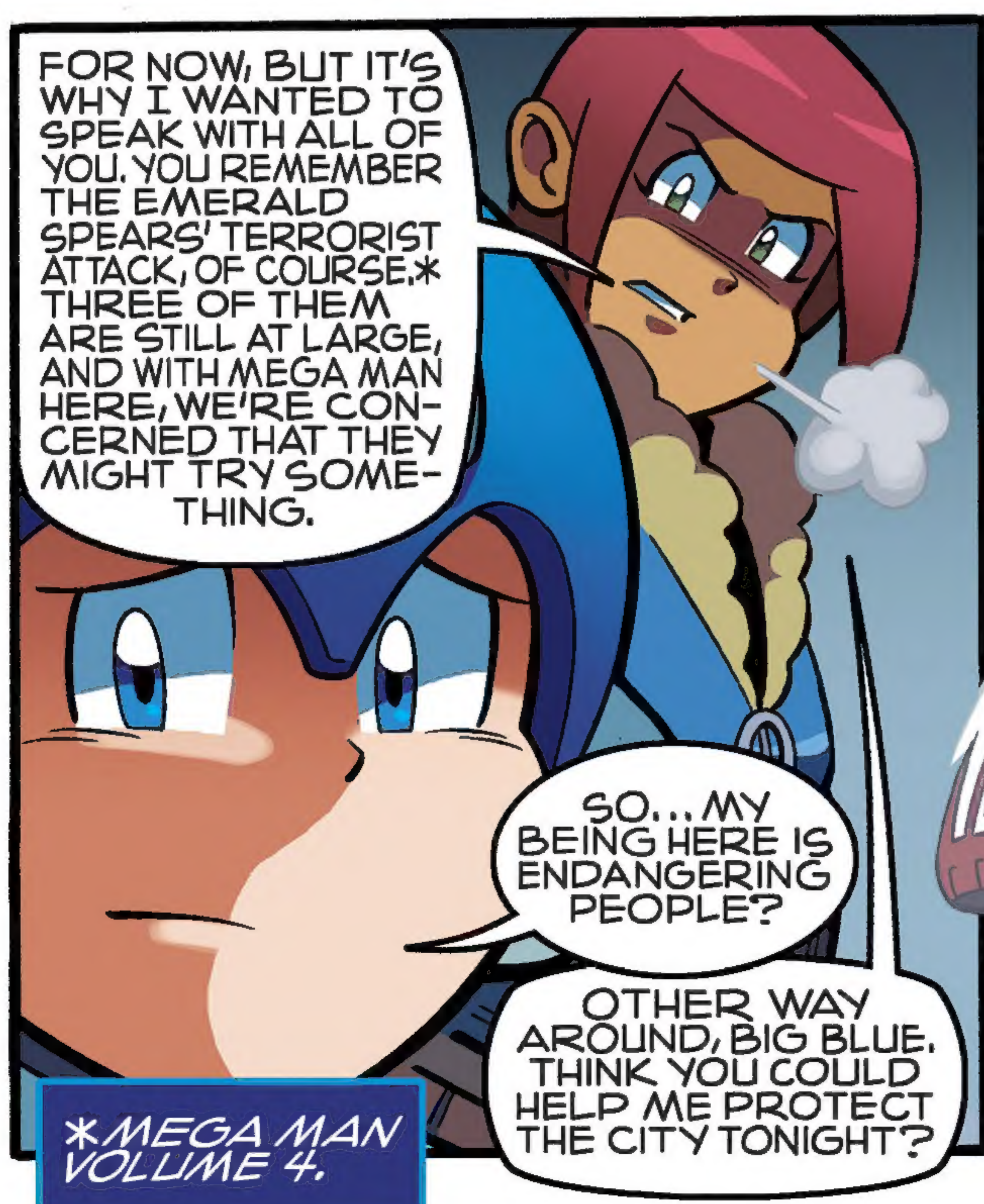
LIKEWISE, MEGA MAN.



HI, AGENT KRANTZ!

ROLL... DOCTOR, GOOD TO SEE YOU'RE WELL.

AND YOU, AGENT, THERE SEEMS TO BE AN AWFULLY HEAVY POLICE PRESENCE THIS YEAR. IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?



FOR NOW, BUT IT'S WHY I WANTED TO SPEAK WITH ALL OF YOU. YOU REMEMBER THE EMERALD SPEARS' TERRORIST ATTACK, OF COURSE.* THREE OF THEM ARE STILL AT LARGE, AND WITH MEGA MAN HERE, WE'RE CONCERNED THAT THEY MIGHT TRY SOMETHING.

SO... MY BEING HERE IS ENDANGERING PEOPLE?

OTHER WAY AROUND, BIG BLUE. THINK YOU COULD HELP ME PROTECT THE CITY TONIGHT?



YOU BET! AND RUSH CAN HELP, RIGHT, BOY?

BARK! BARK!

THAT'S THE SPIRIT! C'MON, WE'LL GO CHECK IN WITH MY PARTNER.

*MEGA MAN VOLUME 4.



HI AGAIN, AGENT STERN! AREN'T YOU COLD?

NO, IT'S WHY MAN INVENTED COFFEE, ROBO-BOY.



THAT'S "MEGA MAN," SIR...

HE'S HELPING WITH RECON, GIL.

FINE.

LISTEN UP: AFTER WE ROUNDED UP THE EMERALD SPEARS, THEIR HIPPIE-TURNED-REVOLUTIONARY LEADER SPILLED THE BEANS ON EVERYTHING HE KNEW.

WHICH WASN'T MUCH.

"HE LEFT MOST OF THE ORGANIZING AND LOGISTICS TO HIS SECOND-IN-COMMAND ...XANDER PAYNE,



"XANDER IS THE ONE WHO JUMPED THE GUN AND SET OFF THE BOMBS AT THE A.R.T.S. SHOW..."

"...WHILE YOU AND THE DOCTORS WERE STILL INSIDE."

"WE KNOW HE GOT AWAY WITH TWO OTHER "SPEARS", BUT WE'VE GOT NO I.D. ON THEM."



ALL CLEAR, BRO'.



"SO WHILE CATCHING THE TWO UNKNOWN'S WOULD BE NICE, XANDER IS THE TOP PRIORITY, HE'S EX-MILITARY AND FANATICAL--HE'S THE MOST DANGEROUS."



DID ANYONE GIVE YOU TROUBLE WHEN YOU CAME UP HERE?

N-NO...THE BADGES WE STOLE GOT US PAST SECURITY, NO PROBLEM. THEY THINK WE'RE MAINTENANCE WORKERS.

GOOD, THEO. GOOD. IS EVERYTHING SET UP, SIMONE?

THE BOMB IS SET AND ARMED ACCORDING TO YOUR SPECIFICATIONS.

EVEN BETTER.

UM...XANDER? ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS? I MEAN, BLOWING UP THE BALL IS ONE THING, BUT THE PEOPLE...? THEY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG...



BUT THEY HAVE, LITTLE BROTHER. AND TONIGHT'S DEMONSTRATION WILL SHOW THEM EXACTLY WHAT THEY'VE DONE.



THEY *WORSHIP* THAT WALKING, TALKING WEAPON, AND TREAT IT LIKE A *PERSON*.

THEY CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WITH THIS MACHINE.

TONIGHT, EVERYTHING-- THE SYMBOL, THE ROBOT, AND THE FOOLS WHO CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT THEM--WILL ALL BE PURGED.





DESTROYING MEGA MAN IS A HUGE STEP TOWARDS TURNING BACK THE CLOCK TO --HUH?!



H-H-HELLO! WE, UH, WE JUST...

WE'RE THE PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE CREW! JUST MAKING SURE EVERYTHING WORKS LIKE IT SHOULD!



RIGHT, ER, "TOMMY?"

SURE--UM-- "DORIS?"

WE'RE MAKING SURE EVERYTHING RUNS SMOOTHLY FOR TONIGHT.



AHHH...

WHEW! THAT WAS A FEDERAL-CLASS BLADER. THAT WAS TOO CLOSE. WE SHOULD LEAVE BEFORE--



NO! THAT THING COMING BY MEANS SOMEONE SUSPECTS SOMETHING. WE CAN'T RISK ANYONE FINDING THE BOMB. FAN OUT. THE ROOFTOPS HERE ARE PRACTICALLY A BOARDWALK.



...AND ANYONE OR ANYTHING THAT THREATENS THIS MISSION.



START TAKING DOWN THE SURVEILLANCE ROBOTS...





FIRST ROUND OF DRONE REPORTS JUST CAME IN. ALL MAINTENANCE PEOPLE ON SHIFT CHECK OUT. I'M HAVING VIDEO OF THEIR FACES RUN AGAINST THE DATABASE *JUST TO BE SURE*, BUT THAT'LL TAKE A WHILE.



WITH ALL THESE DRONES AND SNIPERS, DO YOU *REALLY* THINK THE EMERALD SPEARS WILL TRY SOMETHING?

WHAT'S YOUR GUT TELL YOU, KID?

I DON'T HAVE GUTS, SIR, I'VE GOT INTERNAL DIAGNOSTICS, THOUGH...?

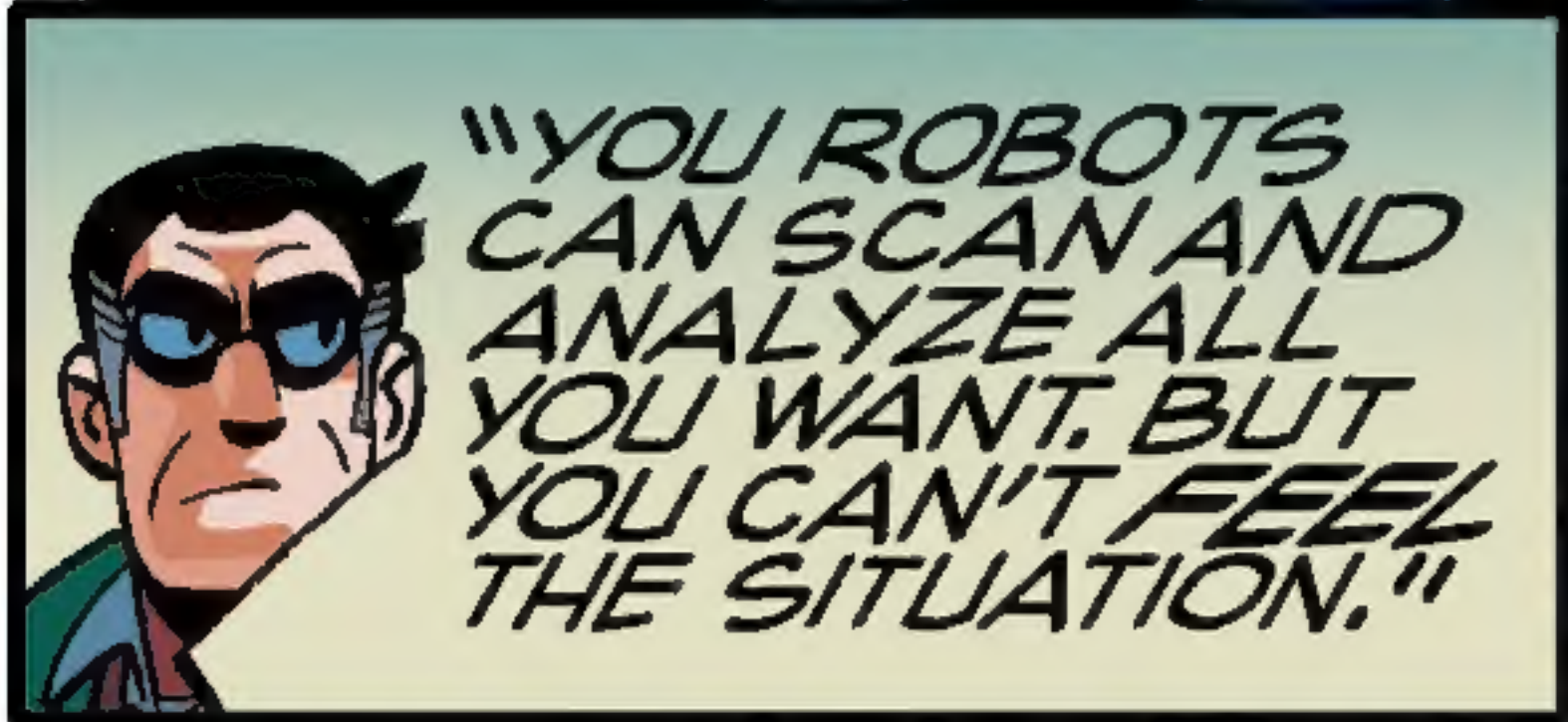
HMPH, SO I'M NOT OBSOLETE YET, HUH?



HQ TO CHARLIE-SIX, REPORT.



"THAT MIGHT NOT BE 'LOGICAL' OR STAND UP TO HARD SCIENCE..."



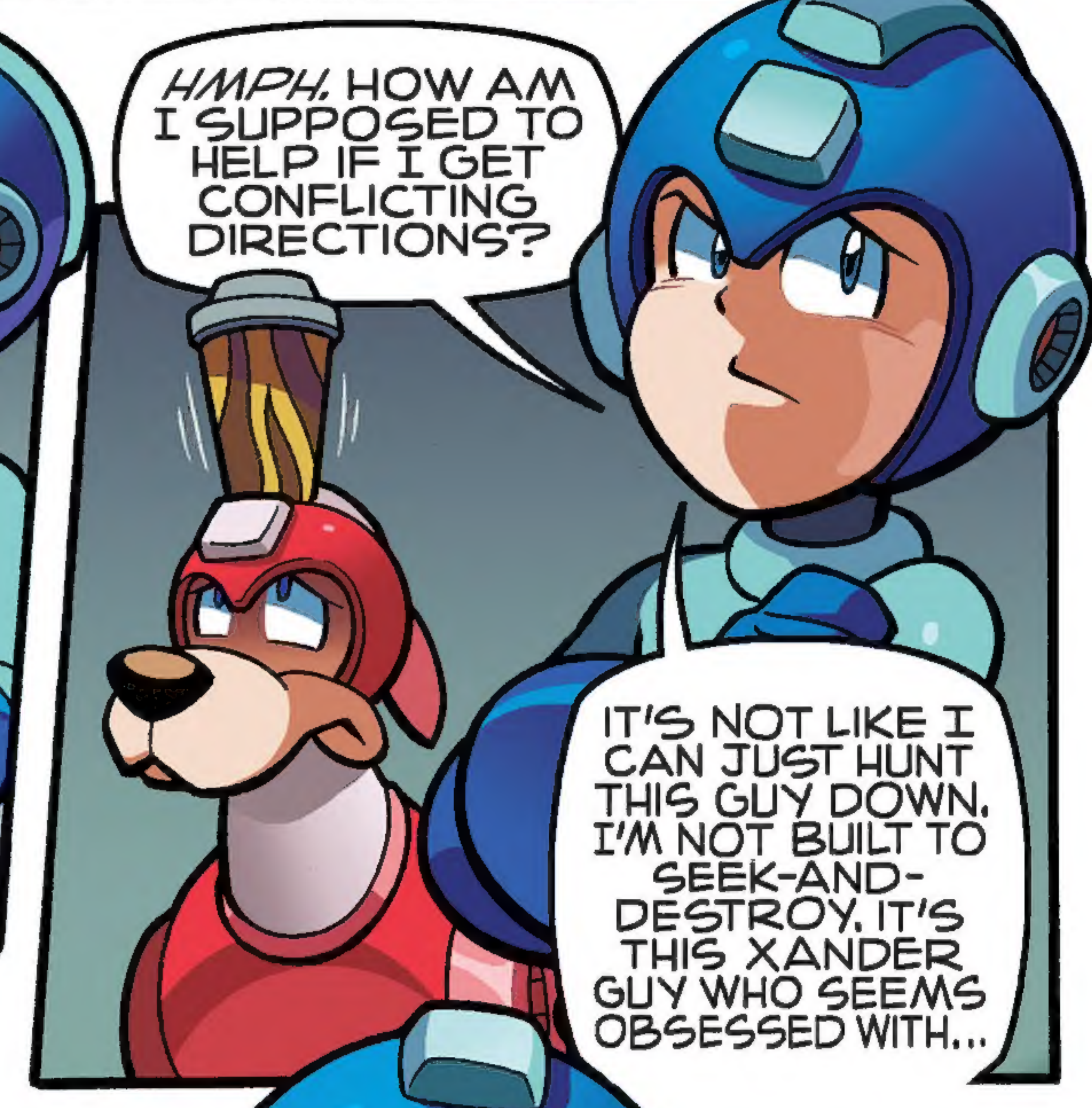
"YOU ROBOTS CAN SCAN AND ANALYZE ALL YOU WANT, BUT YOU CAN'T *FEEL* THE SITUATION."



CHARLIE-SIX, DO YOU COPY?

I COPY. ALL CLEAR. OVER.

"...BUT IT'S SAVED MY BACON MORE THAN ONCE. THEY'RE HERE, I CAN FEEL IT!"

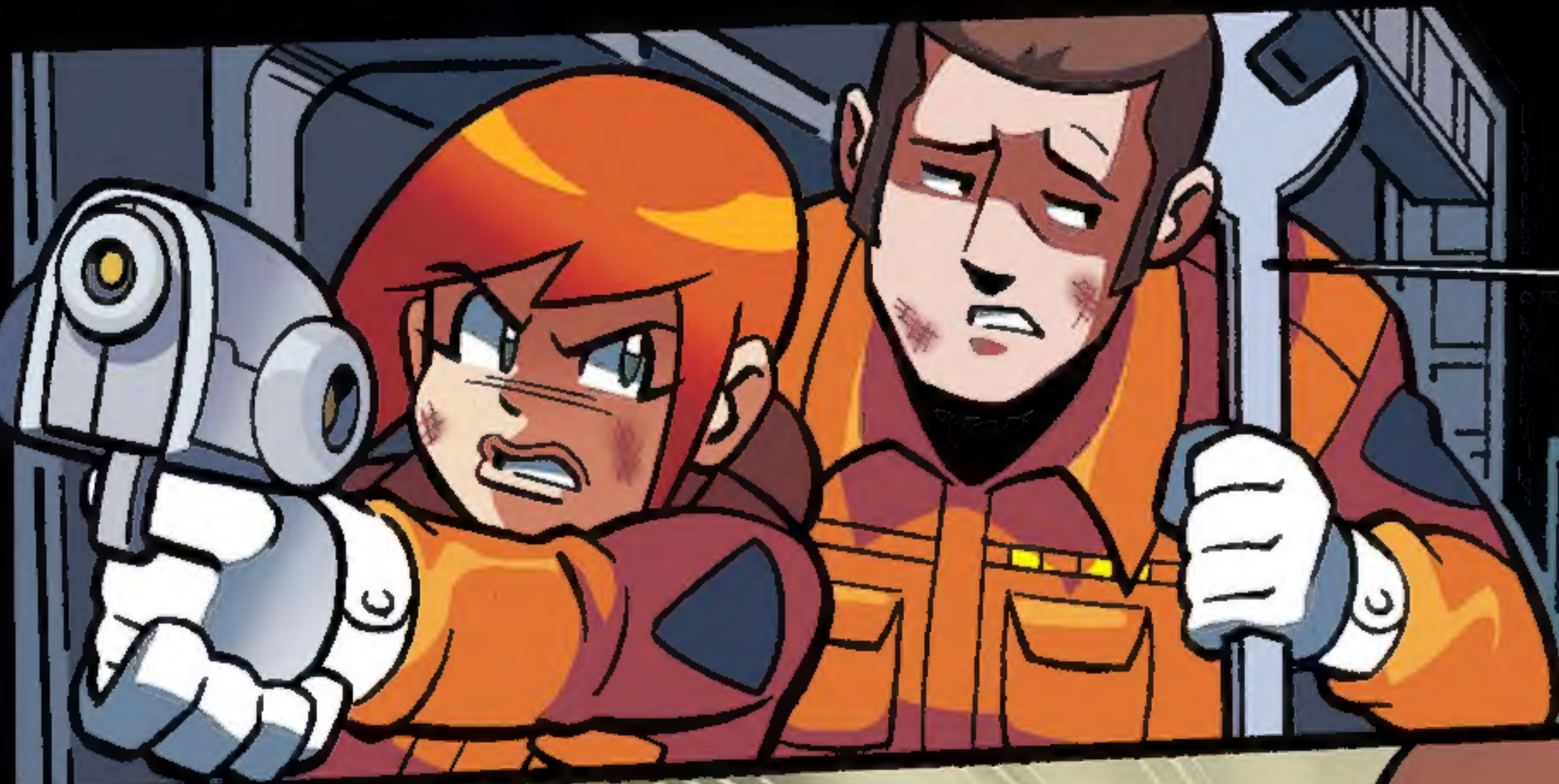


MEANWHILE...



WE DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS, THEO. SAY THE WORD AND WE'LL DISAPPEAR. LEAVE THIS ALL BEHIND US.

I... CAN'T DO THAT. XANDER IS MY BROTHER. HE WAS ALWAYS THERE FOR ME WHEN WE WERE KIDS. HE NEEDS ME NOW.



AWW... YOU'RE SO STUPIDLY LOYAL.

I'M... STUPID ...?

KAPOW

...FIREWORKS?



I SAID ADORABLY LOYAL. IT'S WHY I LOVE YOU. NOW SHUT UP AND LOOK OUT FOR--



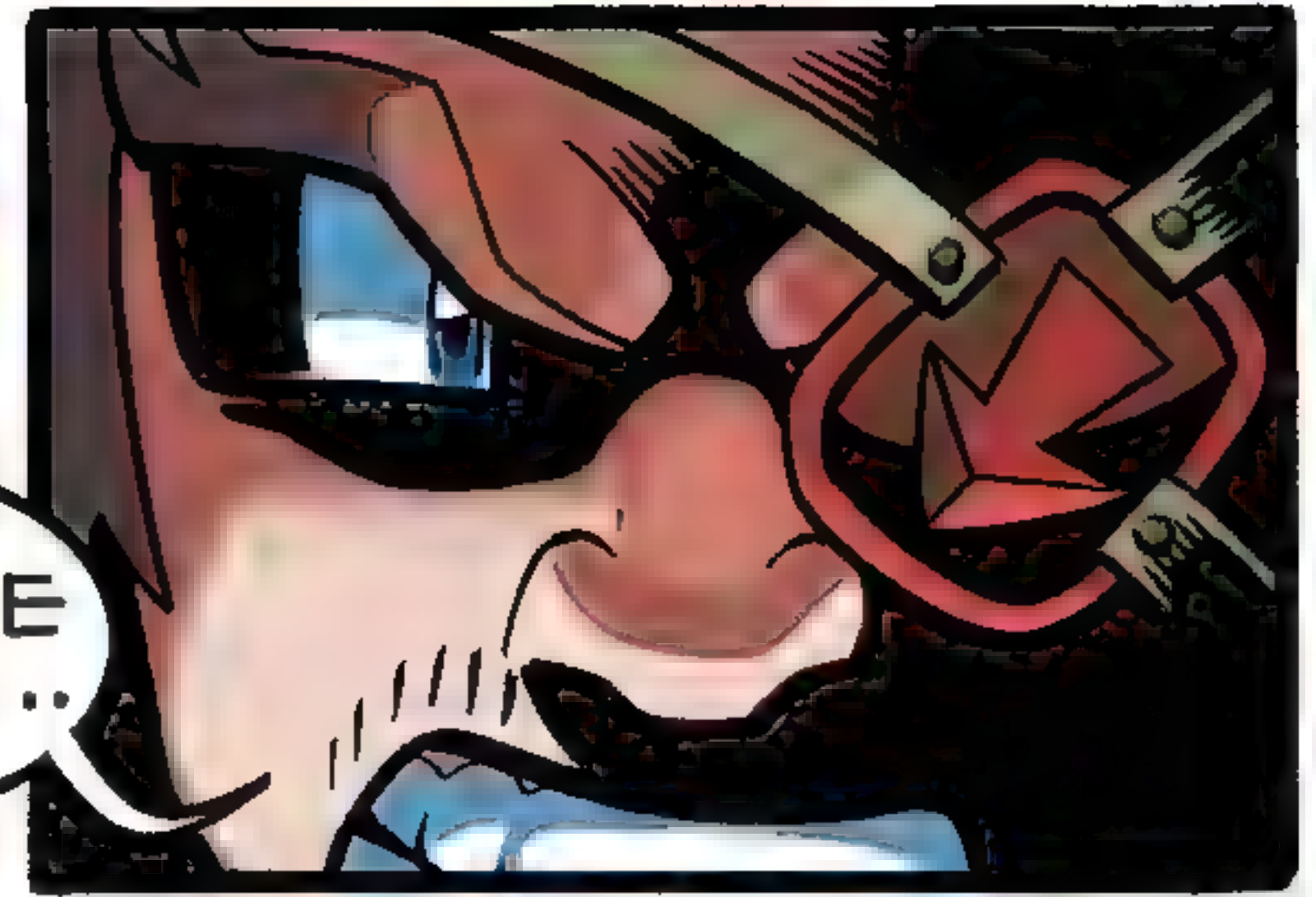
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POP!

YAAAAAAAAAAAAAY!

KA-POW!

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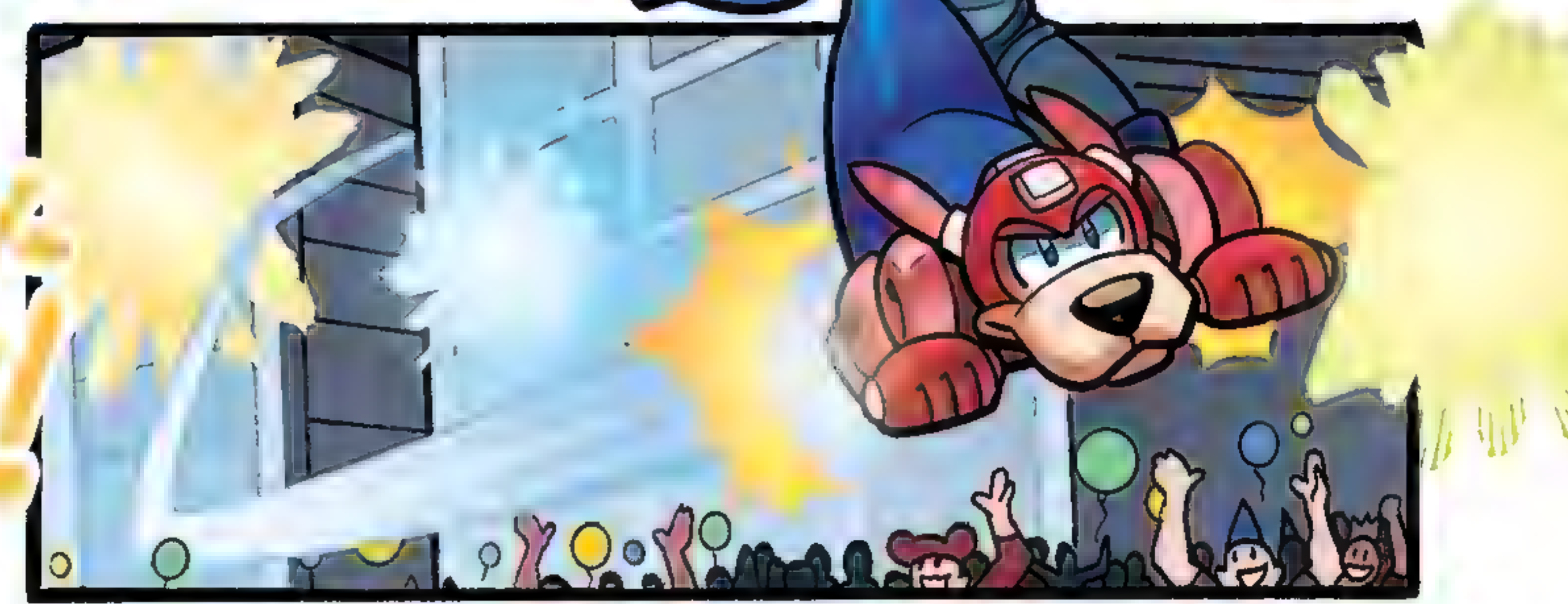


YAAAAAAAAAAAAAY!
ME-GA MAN!
ME-GA MAN!
ME-GA MAN!

THAT'S RIGHT,
EVERYBODY!
LOOK AT BRIGHT,
FLASHY MEGA
MAN! IF YOU'RE A
CRAZY GUY WHO
HATES ROBOTS,
THIS MUST BE
REALLY TICK-
ING YOU OFF.



PYEW!
PYEW!



VIVA
HUMANITY,
YOU SOUL-
LESS--!



CRACK!

BLAM!



WHOA!



SKYDOW!

OW!



THAT WAS SOME KIND OF AUTO-TARGETING BLASTER --THIS GUY IS DANGEROUS!

ALL RIGHT, XANDER, WHERE ARE YOU HIDING?

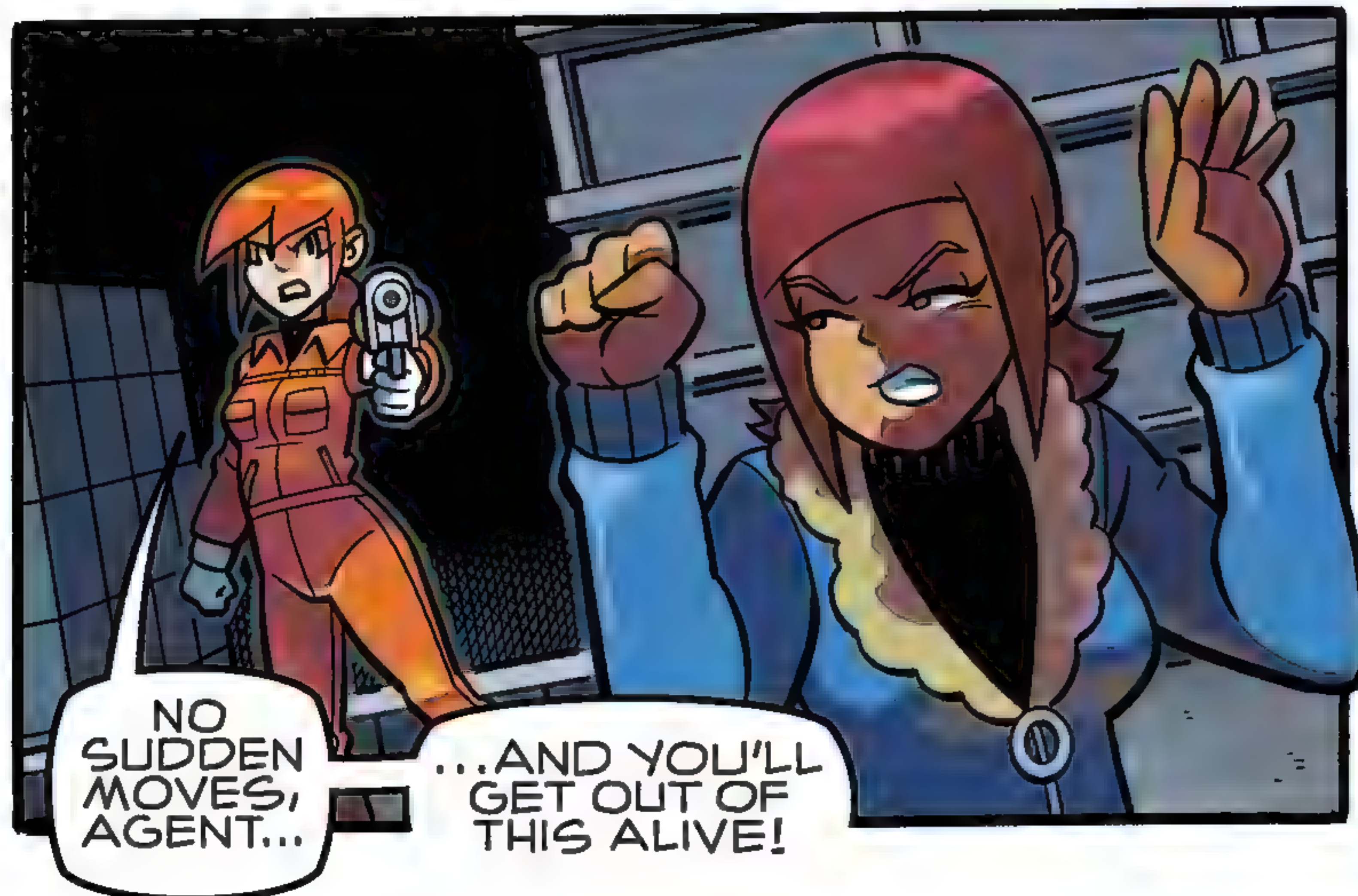
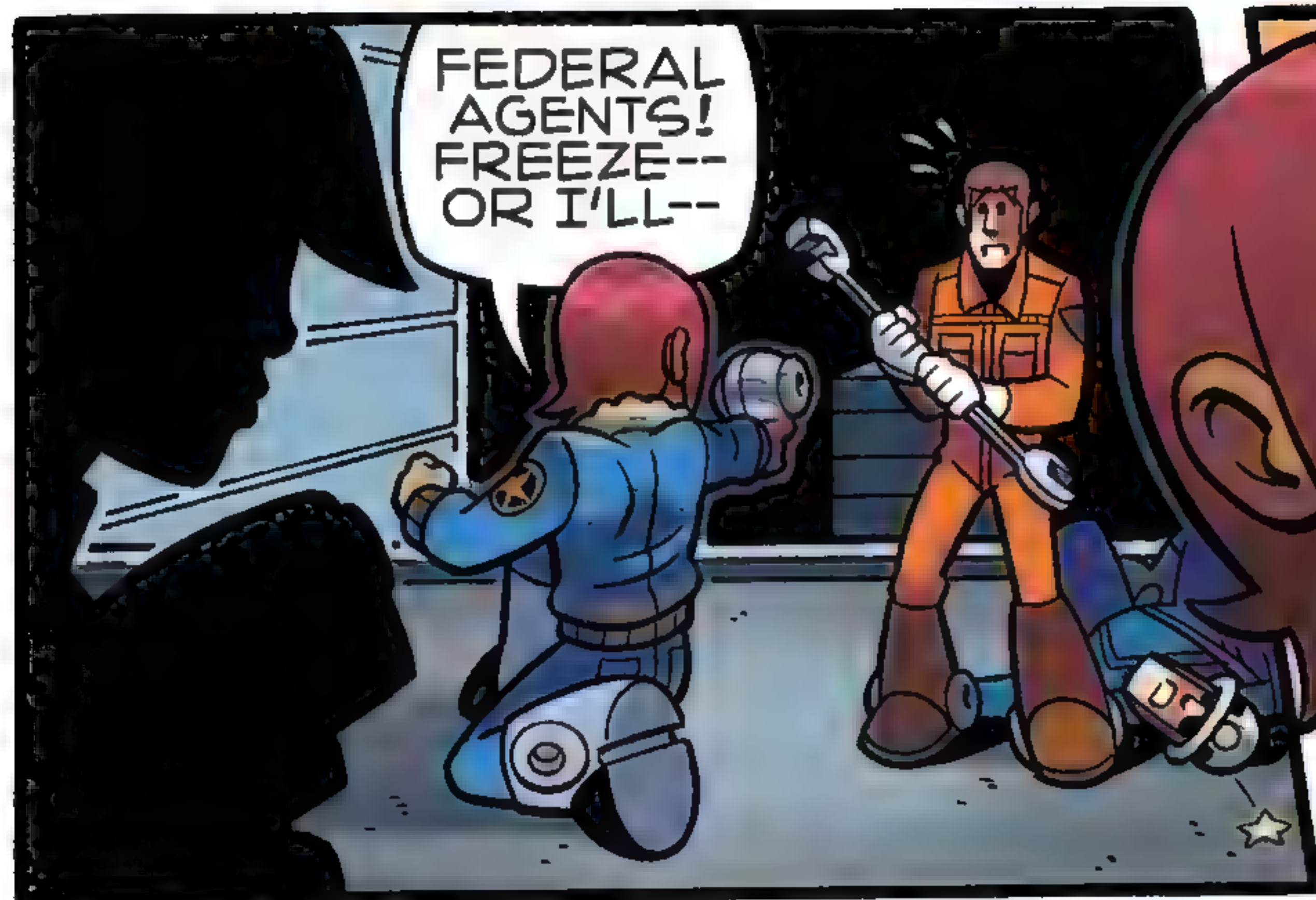
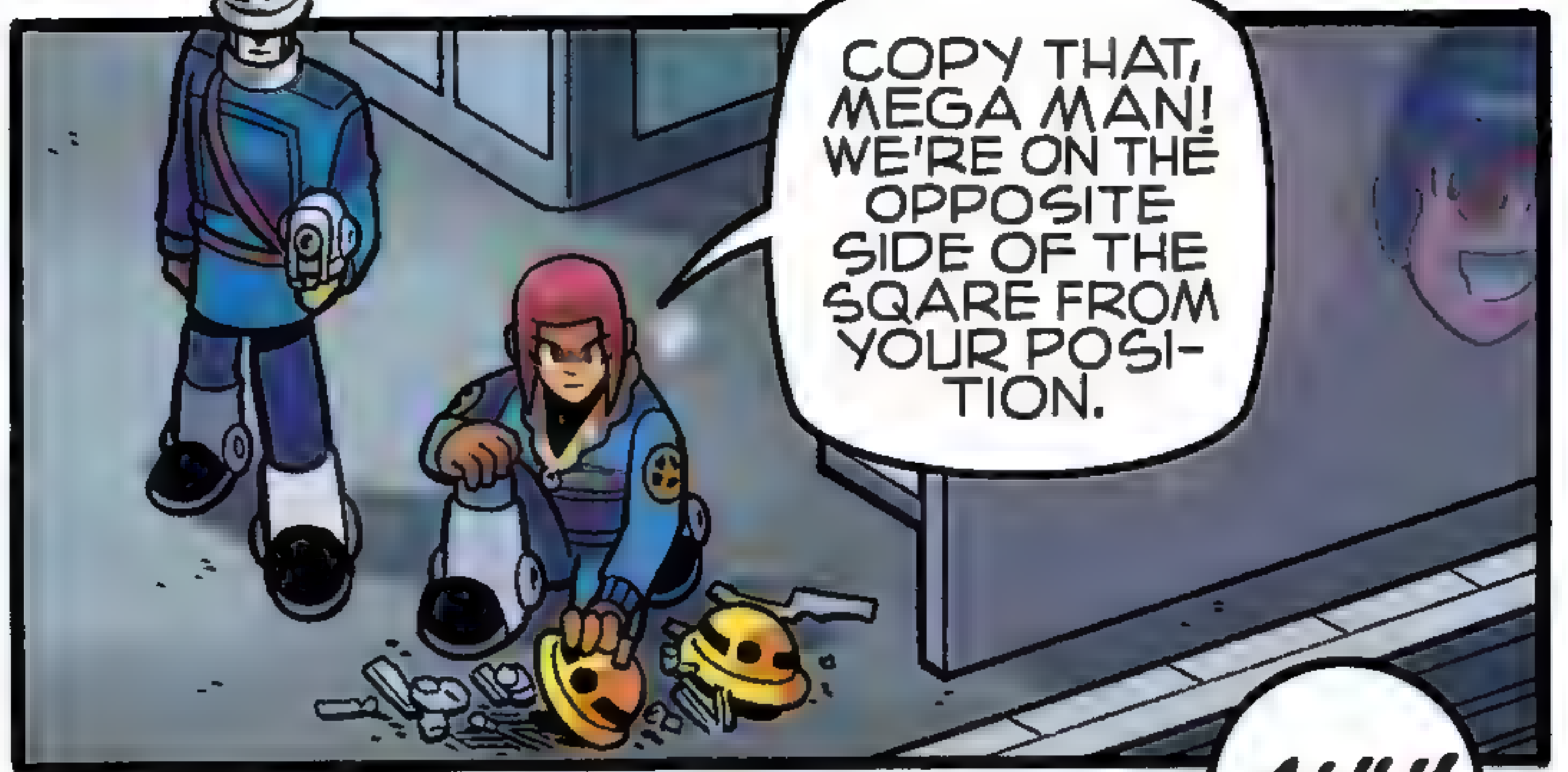
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GOTCHA!



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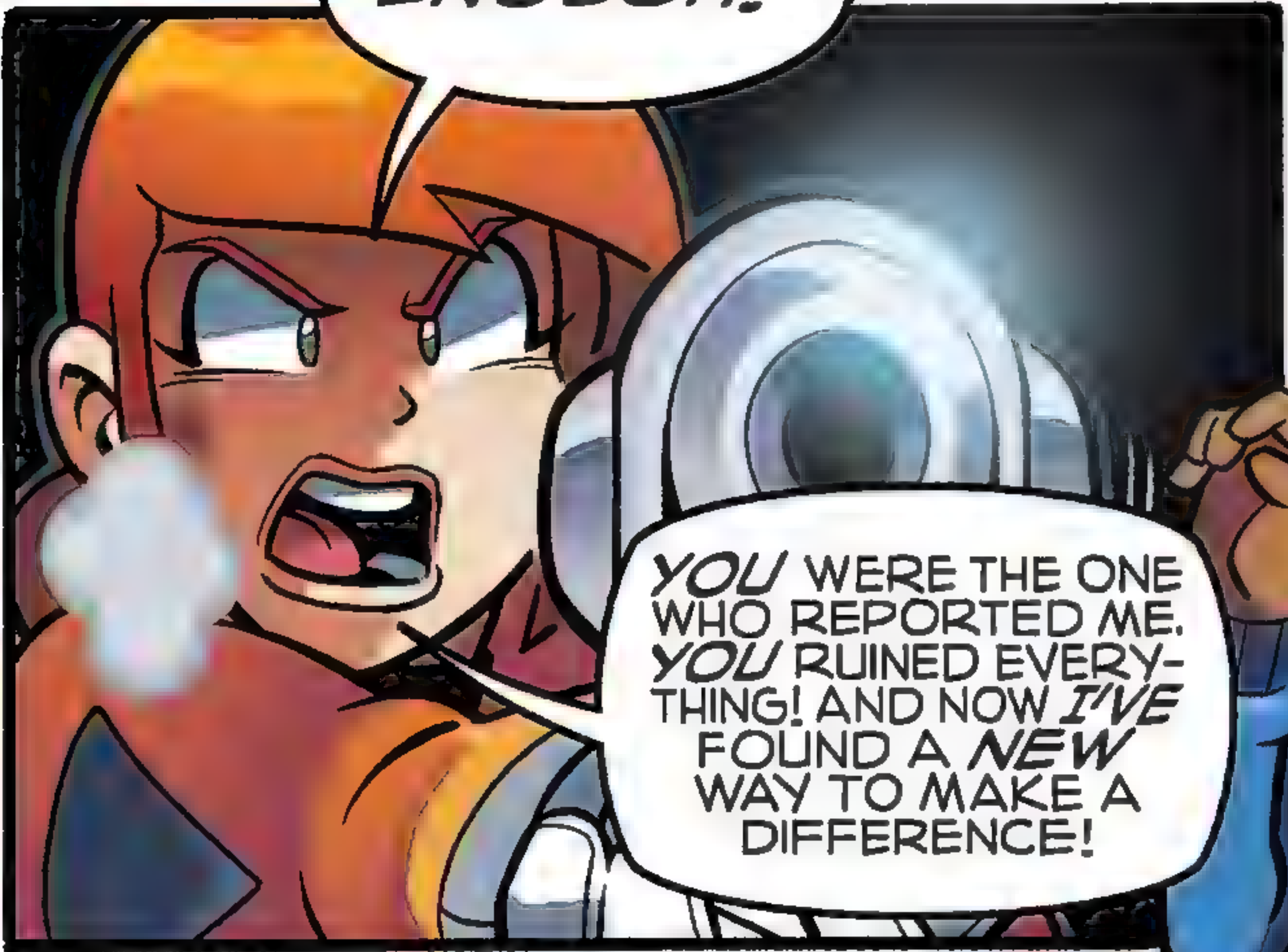


WELL, *THIS* EXPLAINS A LOT...

DON'T, DON'T START...

Y'KNOW, I ACTUALLY LOOKED FOR YOU? YOU DROPPED OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH WHEN YOU LEFT THE ACADEMY. EVERYONE IN OUR CLASS WAS WORRIED SICK.

ENOUGH!

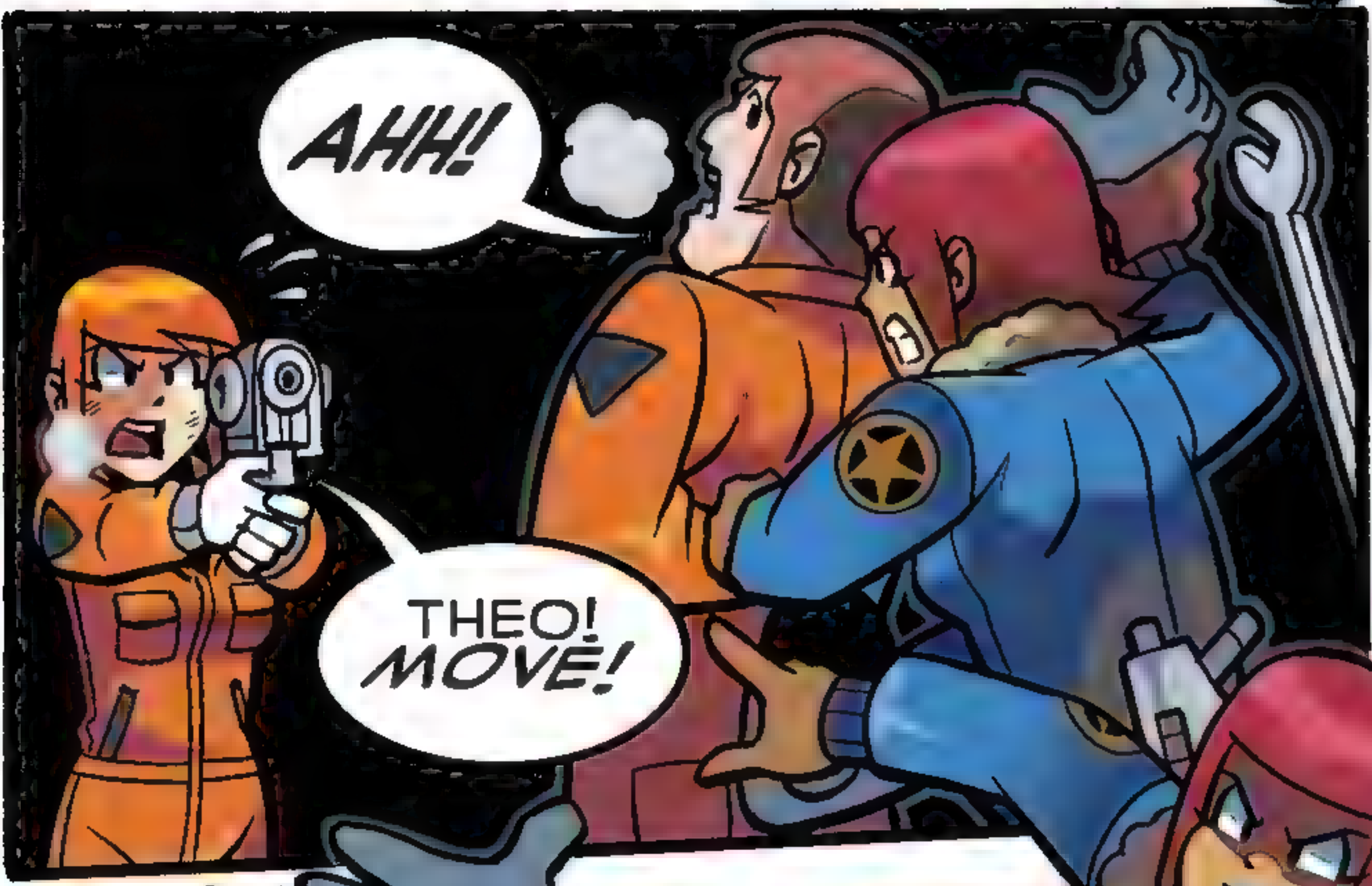


YOU WERE THE ONE WHO REPORTED ME. YOU RUINED EVERYTHING! AND NOW I'VE FOUND A *NEW* WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



FEH, EXCUSES. ALWAYS WITH THE EXCUSES.

UHH... SIMONE? YOU KNOW THIS COP?



AHH!

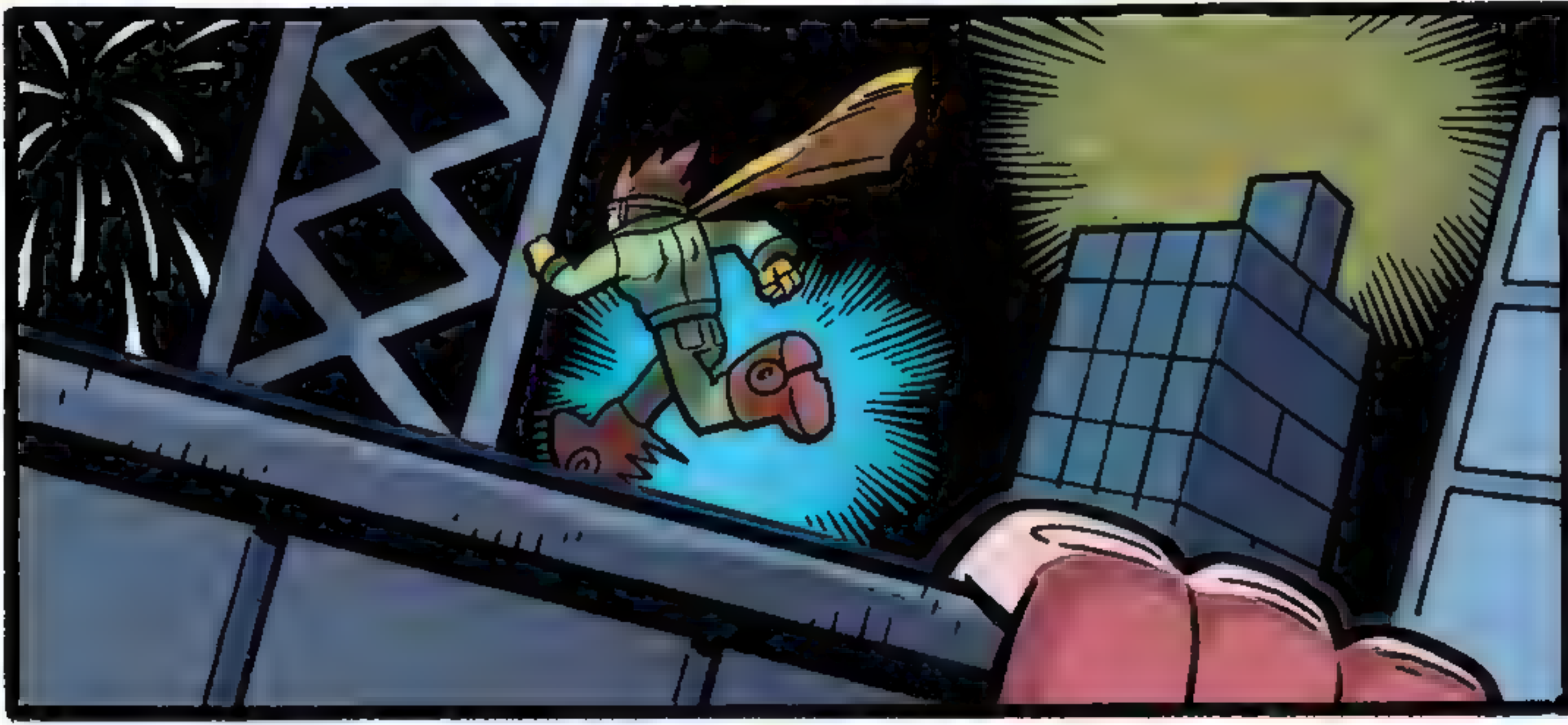
THEO! MOVE!



SIMONE MILLER AND... THEO, WAS IT? YOU'RE BOTH UNDER ARREST.



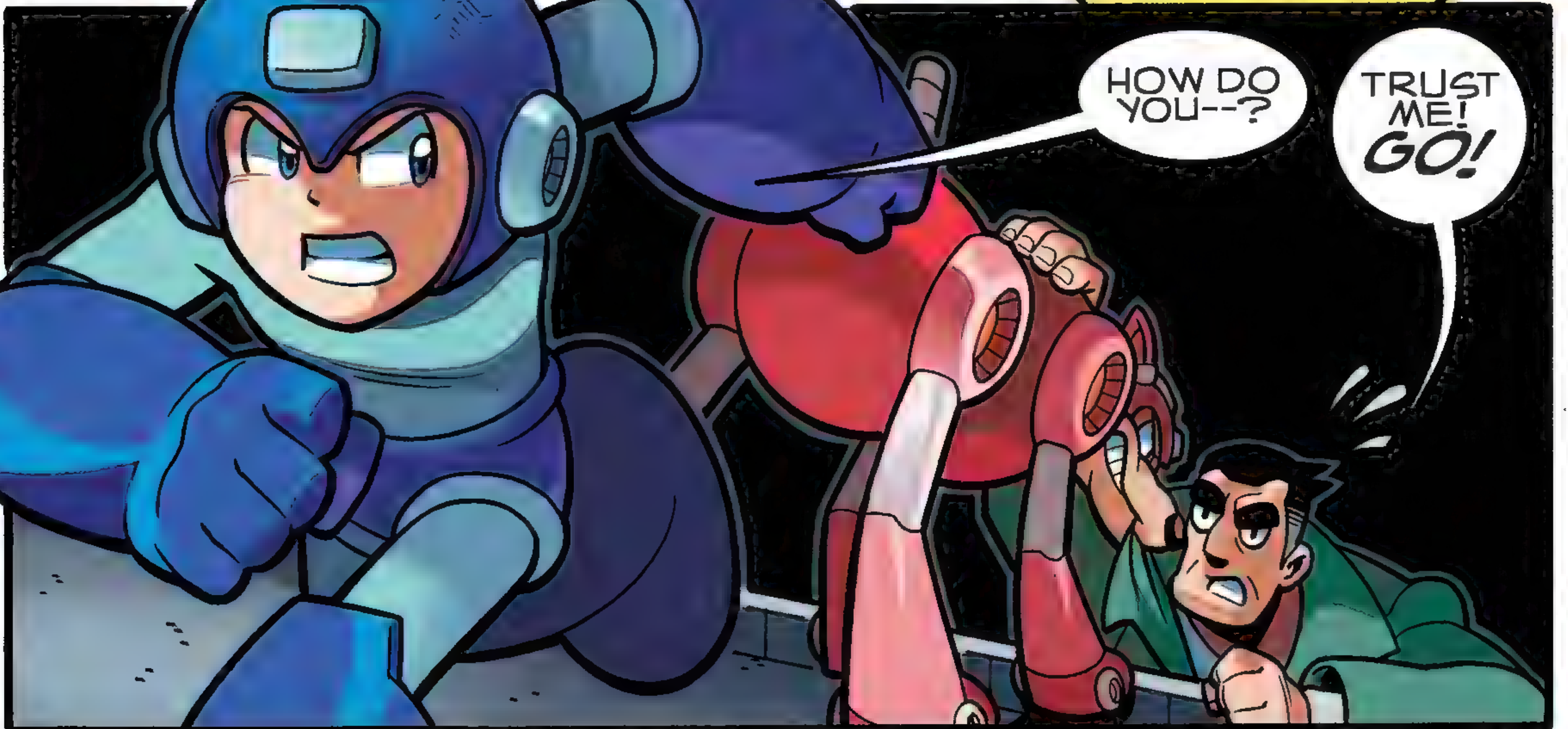




GRAB MY HAND!

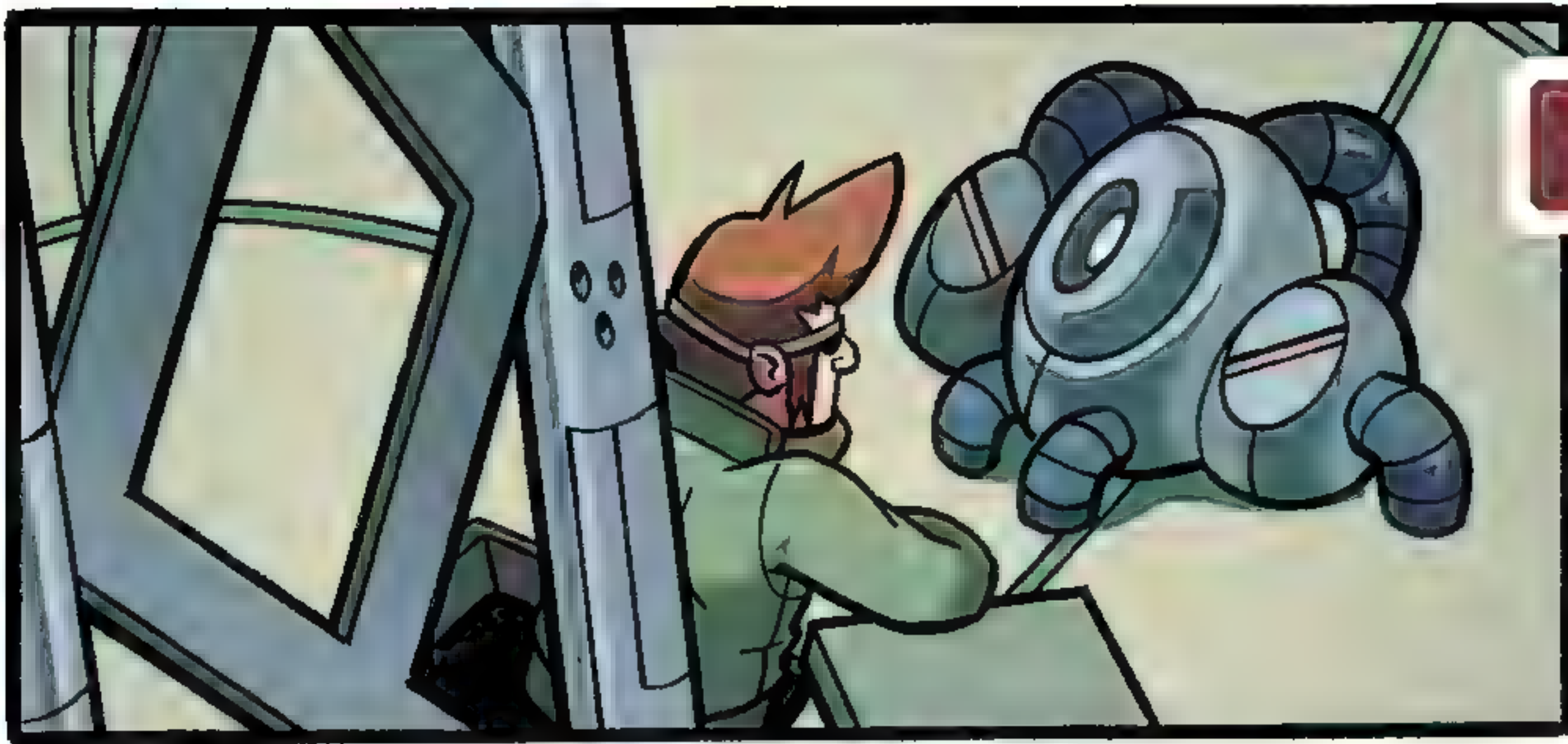


I'M FINE!
XANDER'S GOING FOR THE LIGHT-BALL!

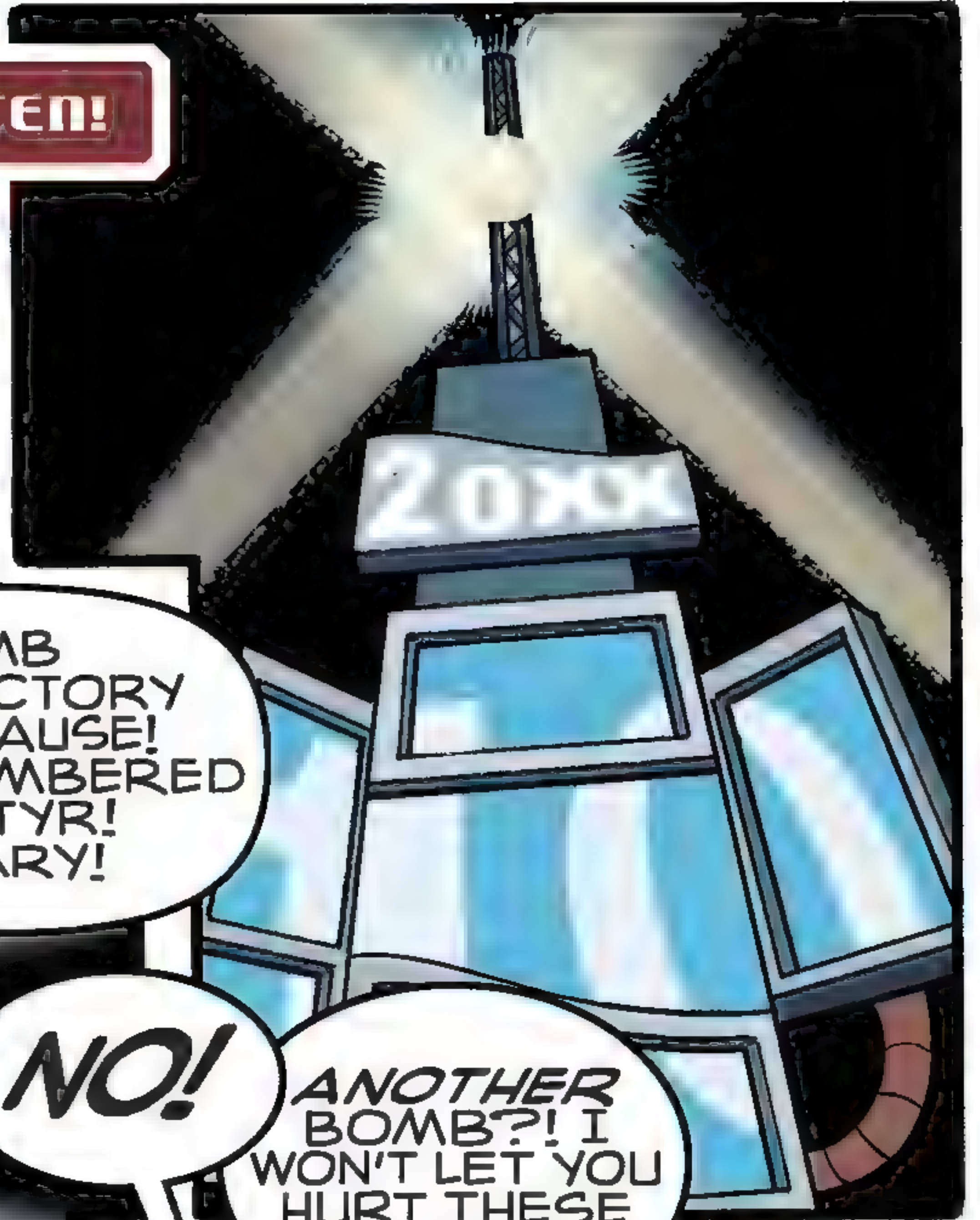


HOW DO YOU--?

TRUST ME!
GO!



TEN!



NINE!

THIS BOMB WILL BE A VICTORY FOR OUR CAUSE! I'LL BE REMEMBERED AS A MARTYR! A VISIONARY!

NO!

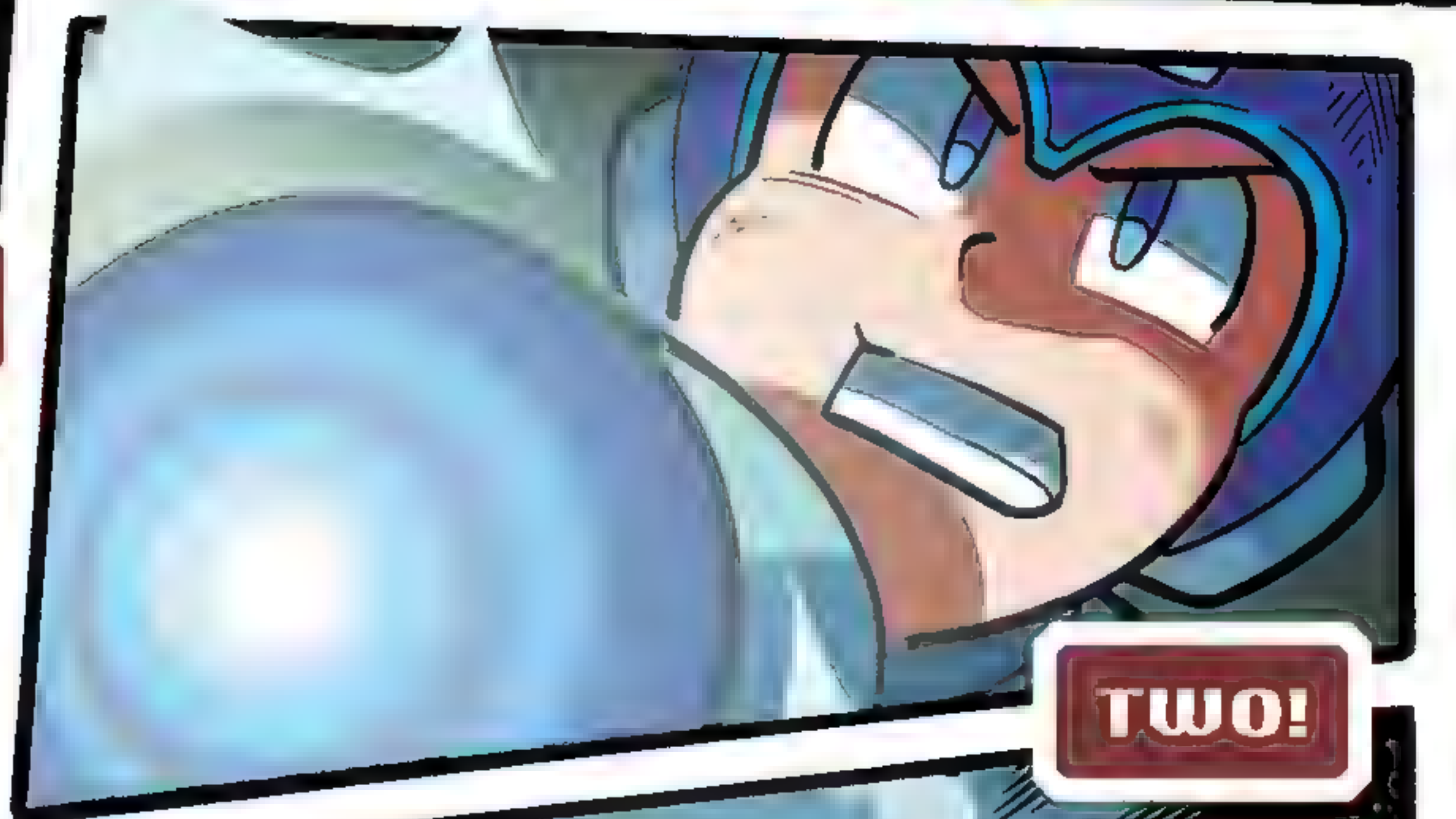
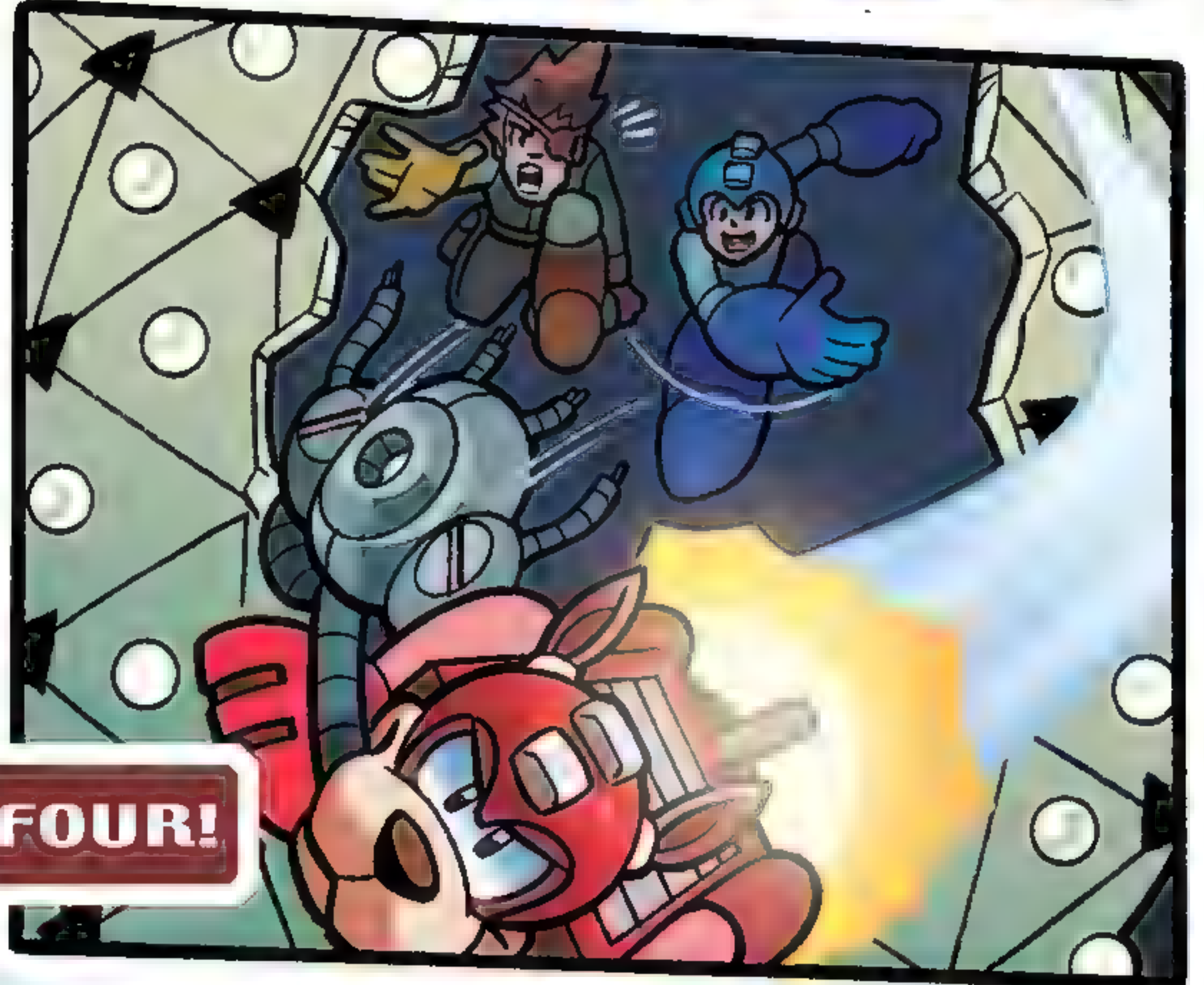
ANOTHER BOMB?! I WON'T LET YOU HURT THESE PEOPLE!

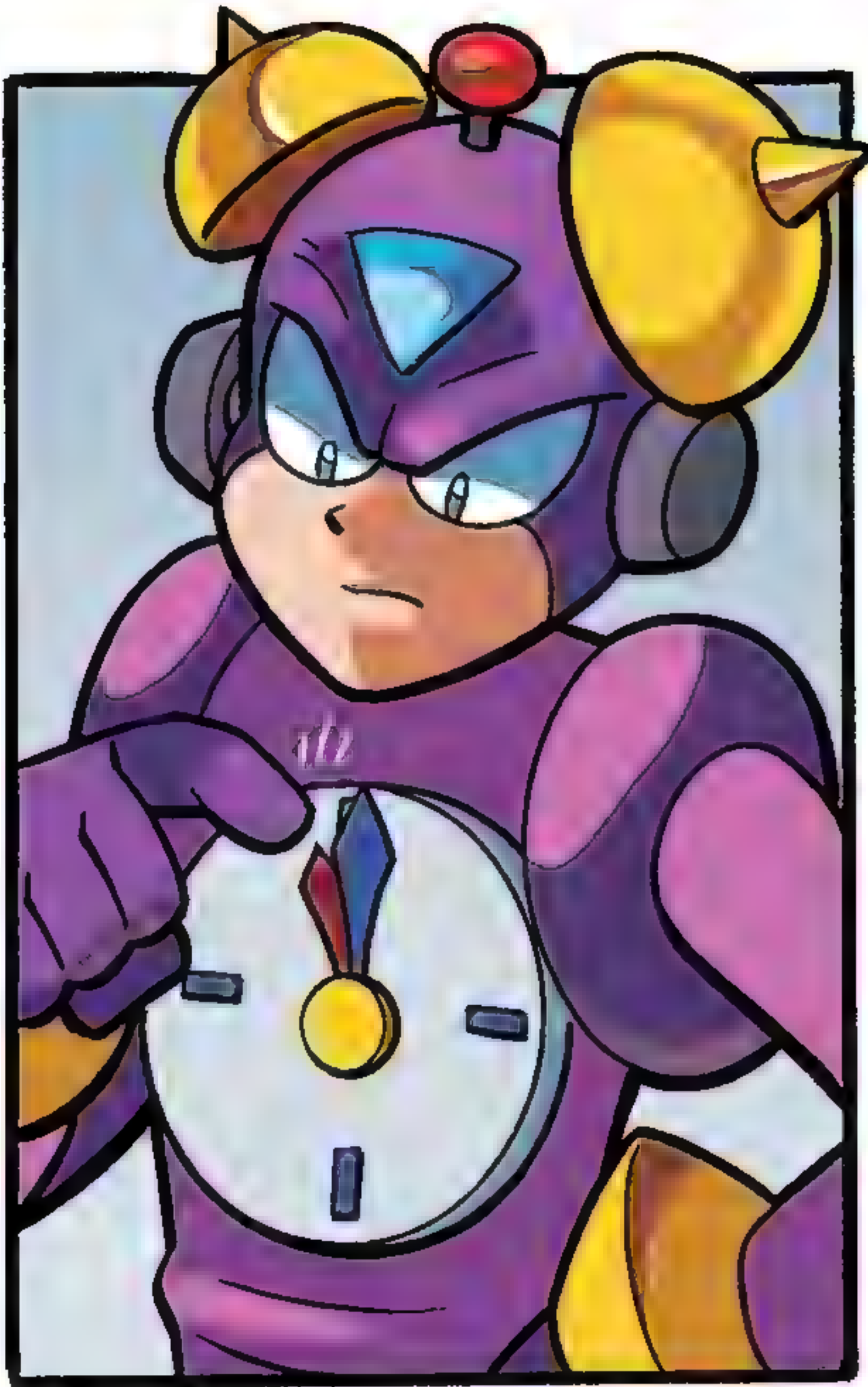
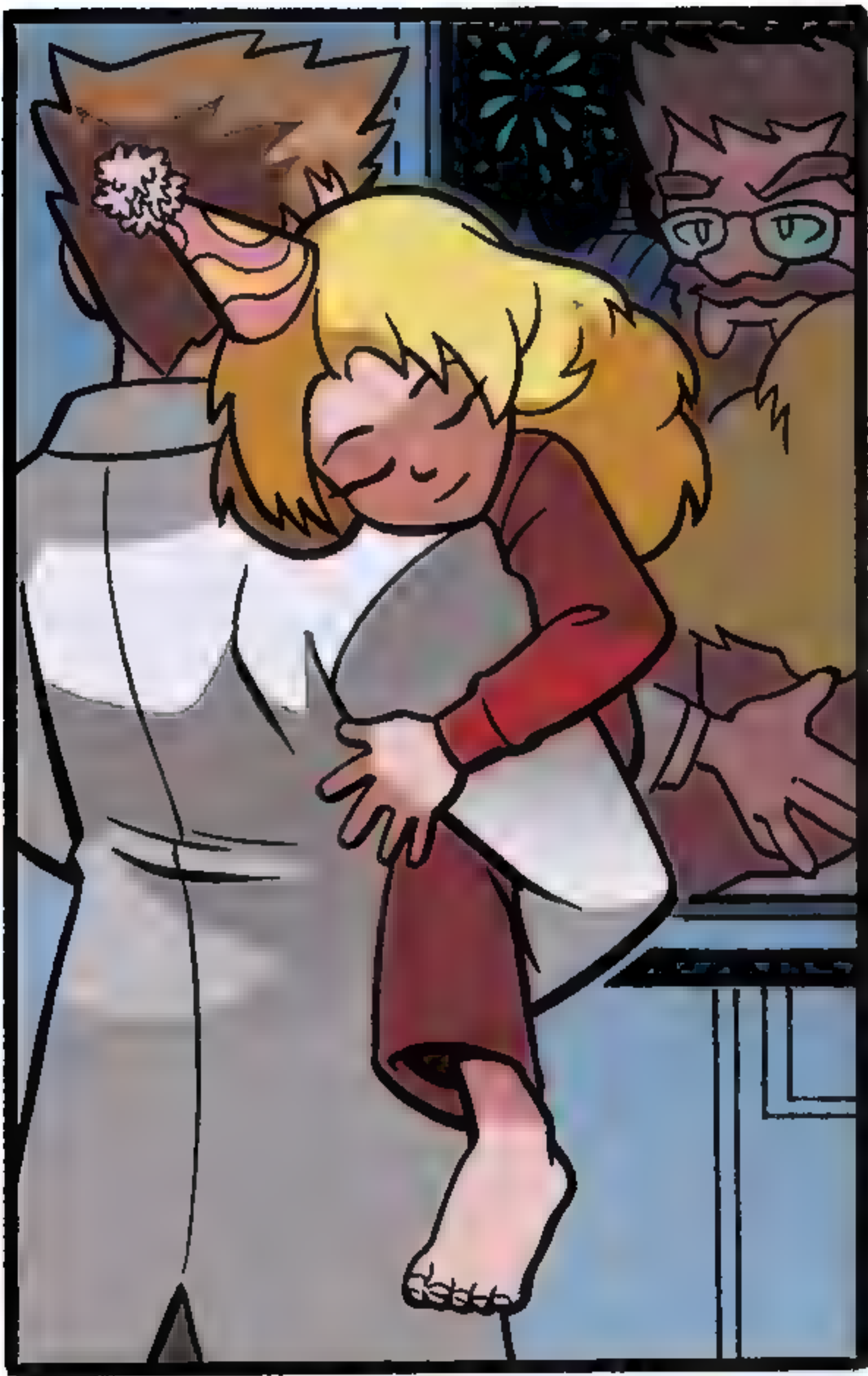


EIGHT!



SEVEN!







WELL? WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR, ROBOT?

I'M STANDING IN THE WAY OF "PROGRESS"! FINISH ME OFF.



I'M HERE TO *HELP* PEOPLE, NOT TO *HURT* THEM. YOU'RE UNDER ARREST.

...HA, A ROBOT WITH FRAIL SENTIMENTALITIES. YOU HAVE WEAK POINTS AFTER ALL.



COMPASSION ISN'T A WEAKNESS!

SPOKEN LIKE A CHILD. WE MIGHT WIN THIS WAR YET.



TRY THAT KUNG-FU BUSINESS ONE MORE TIME AND WE'LL SEE WHO GOES OFF THE ROOF *THIS TIME*, HOT SHOT.



GOOD MOVE DRAWING THE PSYCHO OUT. HOW'D YOU KNOW THAT'D WORK?

I DIDN'T, I GUESS I TRUSTED MY GUT.



OY, DON'T GET CUTE WITH ME, TIN BOY.

AND SO...

HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYBODY! YOU CAN STOP ASKING ABOUT THE MARKS. I'M FINE, I JUST... PARTIED TOO HARD?

YAAAAAAAAAAAAA!

WOOOOOO

I WANTED TO THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING OUT TONIGHT. BEFORE WE GO, THOUGH, PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ASKING ME WHAT MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION WILL BE. IT TOOK ME A WHILE, BUT I FINALLY FIGURED IT OUT.



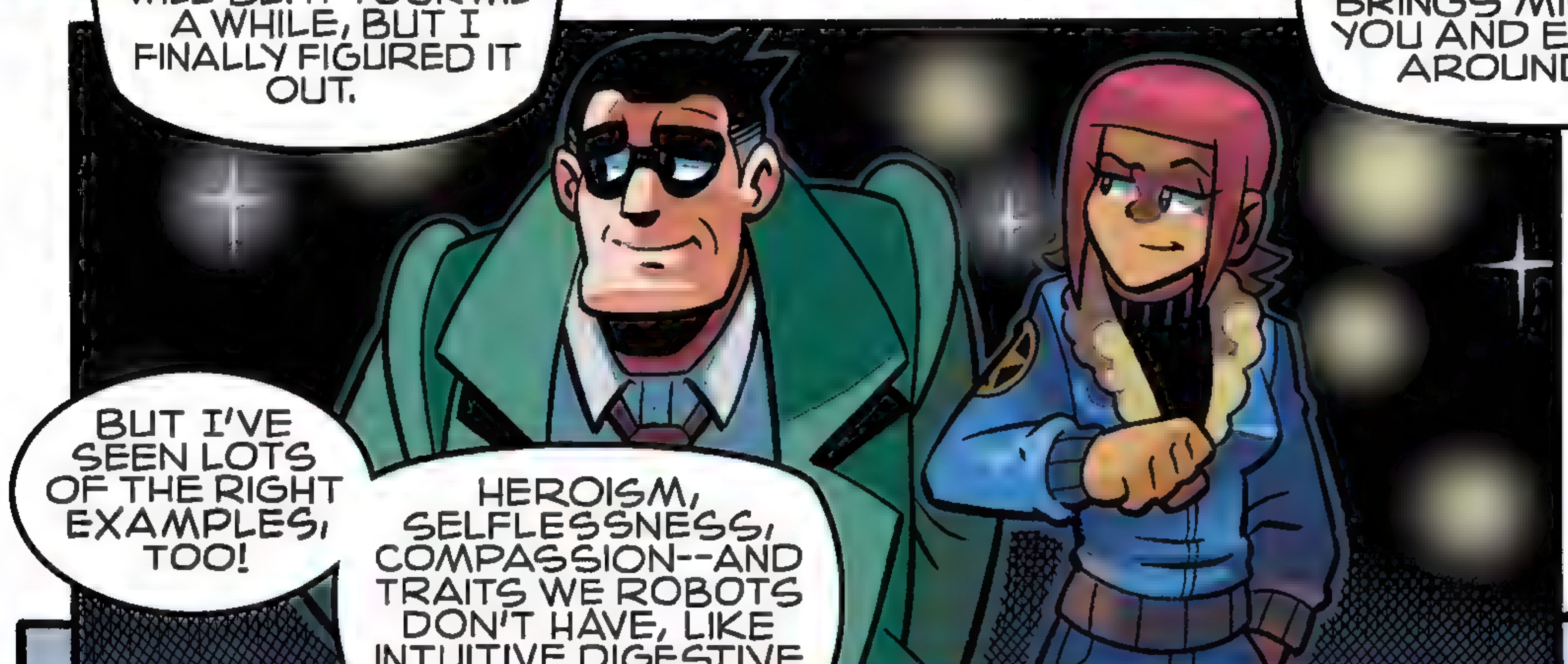
MY DAD MADE ME TO BE AS HUMAN AS POSSIBLE.

BUT I'M STILL A ROBOT, WHICH MEANS I'VE STILL GOT A LOT TO LEARN. THEY SAY THE BEST WAY TO LEARN IS BY EXAMPLE.



I'VE GOTTEN PLENTY OF EXAMPLES OF HOW NOT TO ACT.

SELFISH, MEAN, AND DISTRACTED BY EXTREMES. ACTING LIKE THAT ONLY BRINGS MISERY TO YOU AND EVERYONE AROUND YOU.



BUT I'VE SEEN LOTS OF THE RIGHT EXAMPLES, TOO!

HEROISM, SELFLESSNESS, COMPASSION--AND TRAITS WE ROBOTS DON'T HAVE, LIKE INTUITIVE DIGESTIVE TRACTS.



SO MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IS TO BE MORE LIKE YOU--THE PEOPLE, AND TO BE THE BEST I CAN BE. NOT JUST BECAUSE IT'LL HELP ME SERVE YOU BETTER, BUT TO SHOW YOU ALL JUST HOW WONDERFUL PEOPLE CAN BE. THANKS, EVERYONE-- AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

NEXT TIME: THRILLS! CHILLS! SPILLS! AND... MATCH-MAKING? IT'S AN ARCTIC ADVENTURE IN "COLD CRUSH!"

NEXT ISSUE





HAPPY MEGA-NEW YEAR!

As 2012 wraps up, we thought we would take a moment to thank everyone out there for all the support we've gotten on the Mega Man comics now for 21 issues! 2012 brought us the Emerald Spears, the introduction of the Lanfront Ruins and Ra Moon, and the origin/return of Blues, aka Proto Man - to name but a few highlights! And if you thought 2012 was intense - 2013 is gonna knock those robot-socks right offa' ya!

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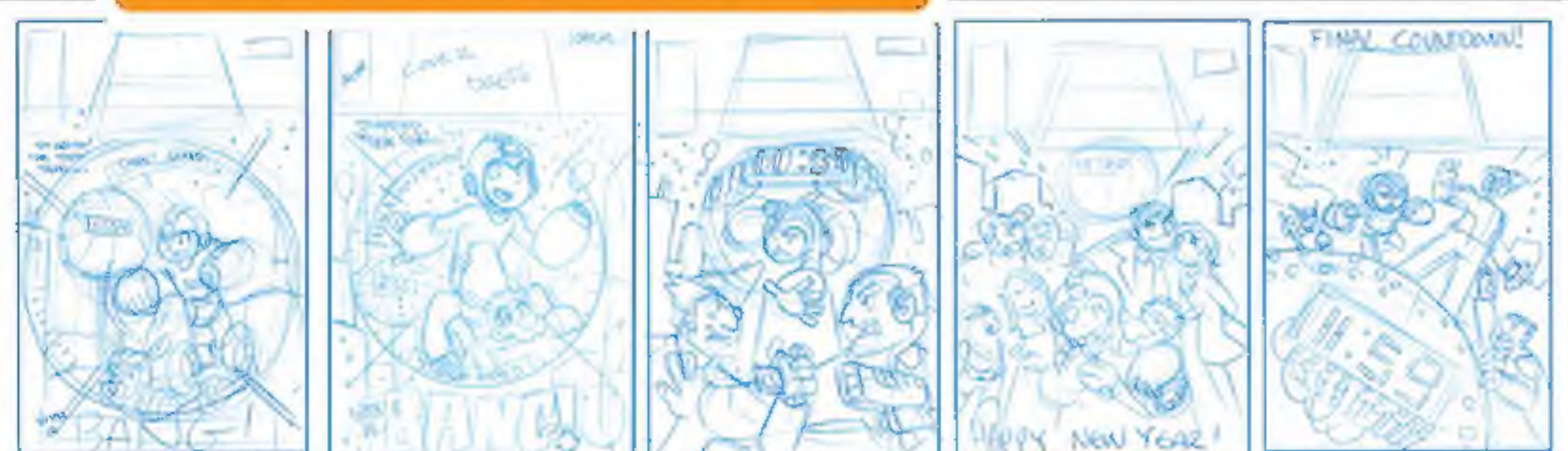


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THIS ISSUE'S COLLECTOR COVER BY ALICE MEICHI LI IS AVAILABLE NOW AT A COMIC SHOP NEAR YOU!

This year we celebrate 25 years of the Mega Man franchise, and we're doing it with TONS of awesome action and a few franchise-firsts! The biggest of which is, of course, the Sonic/Mega Man crossover, coming this spring, where the blue blur will meet the blue bomber for the first time ANYWHERE!

CHECK OUT THESE AWESOME CONCEPT COVER SKETCHES FOR THIS ISSUE BY CHAD THOMAS!



We've also got a cool fan art contest in conjunction with our good friends at Capcom Unity, where you can submit your Mega Man art for a chance to win cool prizes! So keep it here for another year of mega-awesomeness, and make sure you tell a friend to jump on the series too!

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Catch ya next time!

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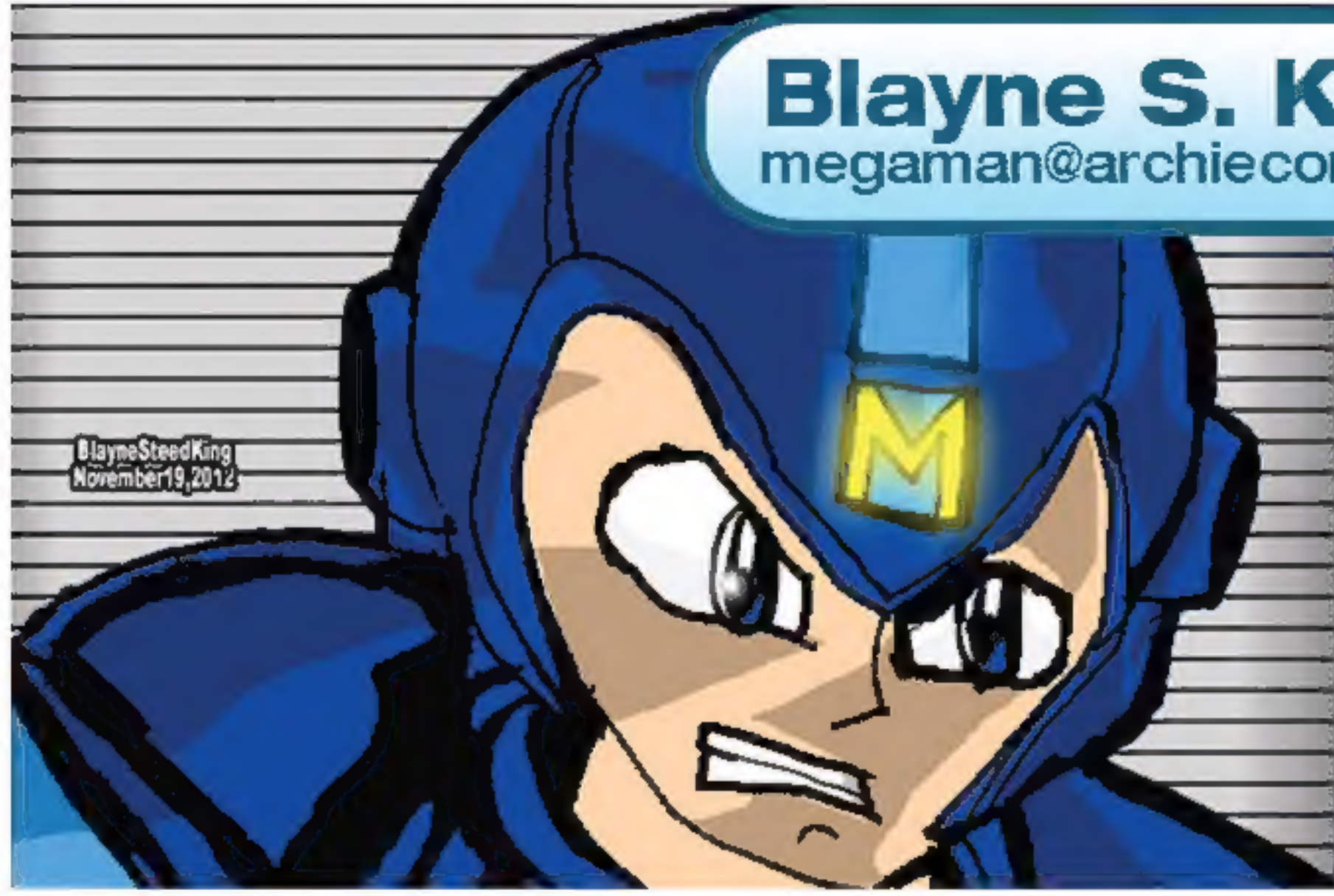
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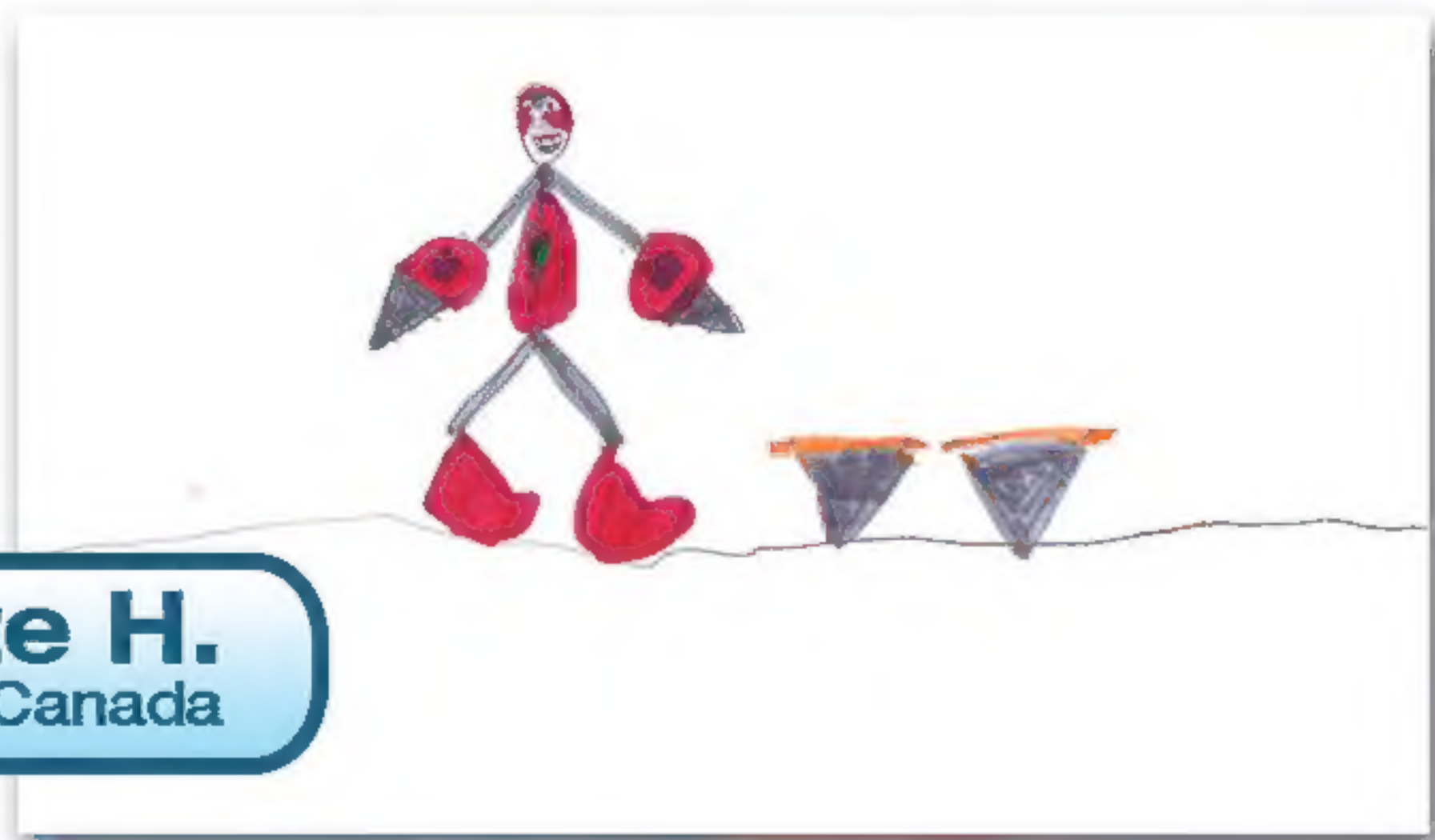
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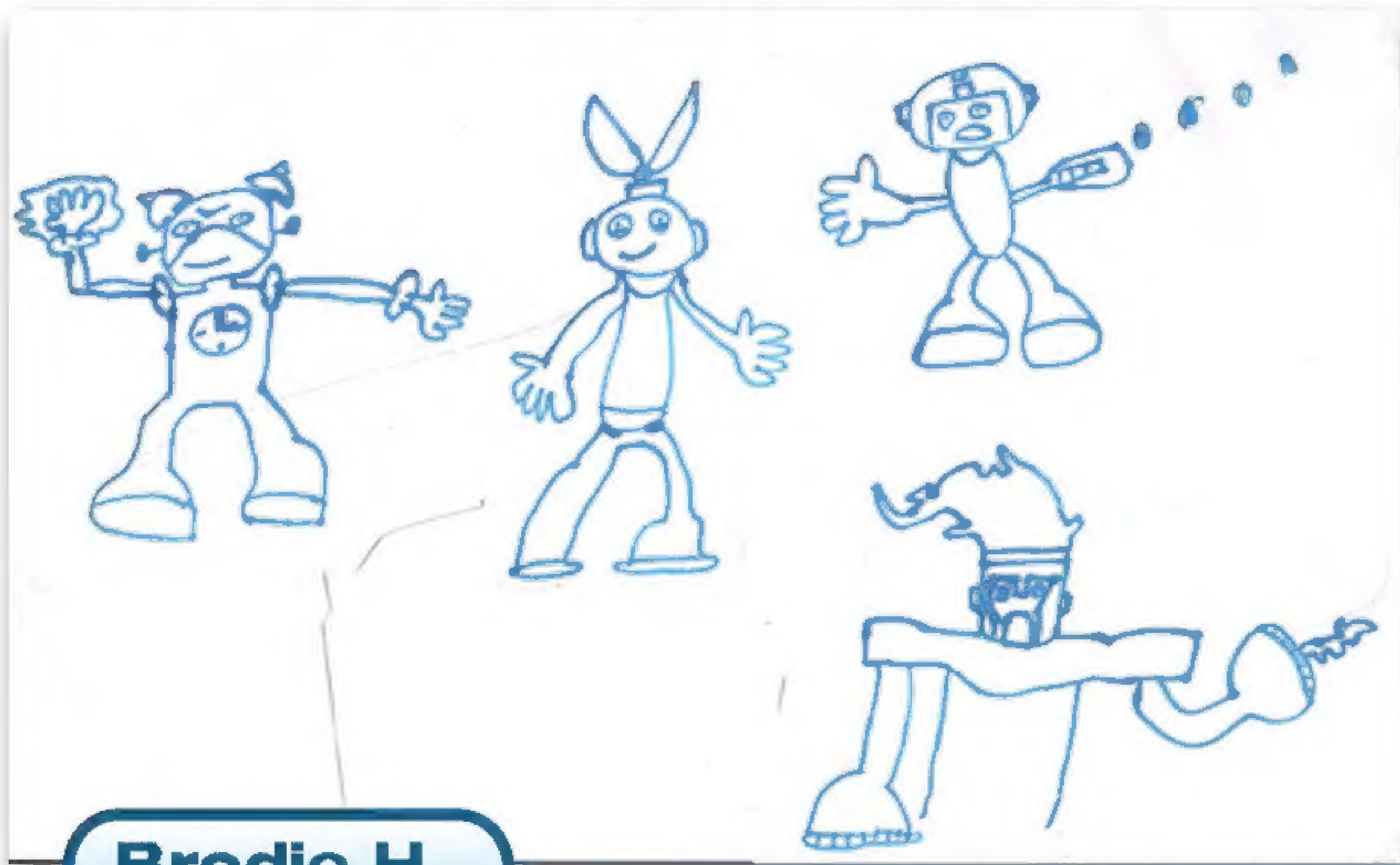


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Dear Mega-Mail,
Hey, just sending out a mail telling you guys how much I've been loving the new Mega Man series. I was 3 when the first game came out in '87 and I never imagined that I'd still be such a fan of the Blue Bomber over 20 years later. Wanted to tell you guys that, so far, you're doing an outstanding job.

Thank you kindly!

I'm constantly surprised at all the small nods to the series, I mean you even put in the Magnet Beam, I never expected that. And to bring in Time Man and Oil Man from the sadly under-appreciated Mega Man Powered Up? That's just the icing on the cake, you guys are certainly doing a great job referencing various parts of the game series!

We will keep on peppering those references throughout the series! Keep an eye out for Easter eggs in upcoming issues!

Now, if you guys find a way to sneak in the oldschool GameBoy Mega Man bosses like Enker and Punk, I might have to just hand you my wallet to keep.

What a coincidence! Mega Man issue 20 (available now on the Mega Man comics app plugplugplug) had both of those bosses! Now about that wallet...

Honestly, I haven't nerded out this hard for a long time and I want you guys at Archie Comics to know how much I appreciate

the care you've taken with this new series, and you can count on me to be the first in line every month to get the new issue or Trade Paperback.

**-Phil H.
sent to megaman@archiecomics.com**

Much appreciated, Phil! Keep on rockin'!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I'm a die hard Mega Man fan. I've always loved the series since I was very young. When I found out Archie Comics was making a new Mega Man comic series I instantly had to go out and buy it.

Did you use Dr. Light's teleporting beam? That thing is fast!

Please keep making this series. It brings back a lot of memories and lets me see one of my old heroes in action once again!

**Get equipped:
-Nathan E.**

sent to megaman@archiecomics.com

Will do! Be sure to spread the word of Mega Man comics around. He's a classic character that deserves to be enjoyed by generations!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I love the Mega Man comics so much! I only started playing Mega Man a month before you guys made the comics, and I was so happy! The only Mega Man games I have are Mega Man 3, 2 and 10. I really hope you guys get all the way to Mega Man 9 in your comics. (Splash Woman

is cool!)

**Zelly
sent to
megaman@archiecomics.com**

We've got quite a ways to go before then, but if you can't wait to see Splash Woman, you can check her out in Mega Man issues 19 & 20. Both are available now on the Mega Man comics app! plugplugplug

Dear Mega-Mail,
This series truly is a love letter to mega-fans everywhere. I've been following you from the first issue. Adapting the video games to comic form cannot have been an easy task, but the great Ian Flynn has managed to do so with utmost style, and the team of Spaziante and Bates (not to mention newcomer Jonathan Hill!) have done a superb job of reimagining the saga for both my generation and the new.

We're glad to have some of the most talented people around contributing to this series!

Of course, I couldn't possibly finish this letter without adding my name to the list of readers hopeful for a certain series in the future. I've appreciated the tiny nods you've given to that end, and I can't help but hope it leads to something.

**Keep up the good work!
Jimmie M.
sent to megaman@archiecomics.com**

Thanks, Jimmie!

See y'all next time!

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COLD CRUSH

WHAT IS LOVE?

When Mega Man and crew go to assist Ice Man up north, it's robo romance! Can love flourish, or will they all just get crushed?

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